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TO AMEMBASSY TAIPEI IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY SEOUL IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TOKYO IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652:

TAGS: ETRG, TW, KS,JA

SUBJECT: FOOTWEAR CONSULTATIONS

FOR AMBASSADORS SNEIDER, UNGER, HODGSON FROM AMBASSADOR DENT

1. TO IMPLEMENT CABINET-LEVEL TRADE POLICY COMMITTEE  
DECISION, CONSULTATIONS WILL BE HELD IN TAIPEI AND SEOUL ON  
FOOTWEAR ESCAPE CLAUSE CASE. CONSULTATIONS ARE BEING HELD  
IN CAPITALS RATHER THAN IN WASHINGTON TO APPRISE POLICY-  
MAKING OFFICIALS DIRECTLY OF U.S. PROCEDURES UNDER NEW  
TRADE ACT WITH RESPECT TO CURRENT ITC FOOTWEAR CASE. THOSE  
CONSULTING WILL BE ABLE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT PRO-  
CEDURES THAT OFFICIALS MAY HAVE. TRADE COVERAGE OF CASE  
FROM ALL SOURCES WAS NEARLY \$980 MILLION. YOUR VIEWS ON  
CONSULTATIONS WERE APPRECIATED AND WEIGHED FULLY IN MAKING  
DECISION ON APPROACHING CAPITALS.

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2. INITIAL CONSULTATIONS WILL BE CONDUCTED BY ALAN WOLFF, GENERAL COUNSEL OF OFFICE OF SPECIAL TRADE REPRESENTATIVE, ACCOMPANIED BY BERNARD ASCHER, DIRECTOR OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS DIVISION OF THE OFFICE OF IMPORT PROGRAMS, COMMERCE DEPARTMENT. I HAVE DESIGNATED WOLFF AS MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE TO HOLD INITIAL FOOTWEAR CONSULTATIONS ON MY

BEHALF. WOLFF IS THE SENIOR CAREER OFFICIAL AT STR (EQUIVALENT TO DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RANK), WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH DRAFTING OF TRADE ACT, AND WAS ACTING HEAD OF U.S. MTN DELEGATION GENEVA IN PERIOD FOLLOWING PASSAGE OF TRADE ACT. ASCHER HAS LONG EXPERIENCE AT COMMERCE DEPARTMENT ON U.S. IMPORT POLICIES. I REQUEST THAT YOU ASSIST THIS MISSION FULLY.

3. FOR TAIPEI, SEOUL: TO MAKE CONSULTATIONS A SUCCESS, INCLUDING MINIMIZING FRICTION AND MISUNDERSTANDING OVER FOOTWEAR ISSUE, DIRECT TALKS WITH MOST SENIOR OFFICIALS HAVING RESPONSIBILITY OR GREATEST INFLUENCE IN THIS AREA ARE DESIRED. I ASK YOUR PERSONAL ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPARATE MEETINGS WITH HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS IN ALL INTERESTED MINISTRIES. COURTESY CALLS ON MINISTER OR VICE MINISTER TO EXPLAIN PURPOSE OF CONSULTATIONS WOULD ALSO BE DESIRABLE. PLEASE CABLE SCHEDULE OF APPOINTMENTS EXDIS PASS STR FOR WOLFF ASAP.

4. FOR TOKYO, PLEASE ADVISE US OF NAMES OF TRADE POLICY OFFICIALS WHO WOULD BE SEEN, ALONG LINES PARA 3, IF CONSULTATIONS WERE TO BE SCHEDULED IN TOKYO FRIDAY AFTERNOON, AND SATURDAY MORNING OCTOBER 24 AND 25. WHICH OFFICIALS WOULD BE KNOWLEDGEABLE ABOUT JAPANESE OVERSEAS FOOTWEAR PLANT INVESTMENT? PURPOSE OF CONSULTATION WOULD BE TO APPRISE JAPANESE OF POSSIBLE EFFECTS ON THEIR INVESTMENT ELSEWHERE. WOLFF WOULD LIKE APPOINTMENT WITH HYASHI IN FOREIGN MINISTRY TO DISCUSS MTN FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

5. TO MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, CONSULTATIONS ARE BEING HELD IN CONFIDENCE AND PRESS COVERAGE AVOIDED TO AVOID ANY EMBARRASSMENT TO HOST GOVERNMENT.  
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6. WOLFF AND ASCHER ARRIVE TAIPEI NW FLIGHT 9, SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 9:10 P.M.; DEPART TAIPEI WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 10:05 A.M. AND ARRIVE SEOUL CATHAY PACIFIC 410 AT 1:15 P.M. DEPARTURE FROM SEOUL SCHEDULED 10:00 A.M. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, ARRIVE TOKYO AT 12:00 NOON. PLEASE ARRANGE HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS NIGHTS OCTOBER 19-21 FOR TAIPEI; NIGHTS OCTOBER 22-23 SEOUL; AND TOKYO NIGHT OCTOBER 24. EMBASSIES

REQUESTED TO MEET AND ASSIST.

7. ALSO FOR TOKYO, STATE 198253 AND 204326 CONCERNING  
NON-RUBBER ESCAPE CLAUSE PETITIONS ARE BEING REPEATED FOR  
YOUR BACKGROUND INFORMATION. KISSINGER

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